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EGYPT'S COURT SUSPENDS RULING

A demonstrator in Cairo chants slogans as several thousand supporters of Islamist President Mohammed Morsi surround the Supreme Constitutional Court on Sunday to prevent the judges from entering and ruling on the legitimacy of the nation's Islamist-dominated constituent assembly. A ruling from the court was postponed. Without a functioning justice system, Egypt will likely be plunged even deeper into turmoil. Story, page 6. AHMAD HAMMAD/THE ASSOCIATES PRESS

Bring on a byelection, Ford says

What happens next. Council could also choose to appoint any resident to fill mayor's seat — including Ford

Mayor Rob Ford is urging council to approve a byelection if he is turfed from office.

If Ford loses his job, council can either call a byelection or appoint any resident from on council or off, including Ford. The byelection winner or the appointee would serve as mayor until December 2014.

"In my biased view, they should let the people speak: they should have a byelection and let people run. And I'll be running," Ford said Sunday on his Newstalk 1010 radio show.

Let voters decide

"They should have a byelection and let people run. And I'll be running."
Mayor Rob Ford

Ford's lawyer will ask Divisional Court on Wednesday to approve a stay that would keep him in office until his appeal is decided. The appeal will be heard Jan. 7, with a decision expected weeks later.

If the request for a stay is rejected, Ford must leave office next Monday, Dec. 10, under a ruling from Superior Court Justice Charles Hackland.

If Ford is indeed ousted, council must formally declare his seat vacant. Council would then have 60 days to choose between a byelection or an appointment. The byelection would be a mere 45 days — much shorter than the nearly year-long campaign that preceded Ford's October 2010 victory — but would still cost taxpayers $7 million.

Ford's council opponents also appear to be leaning strongly toward a byelection. Coun. Shelley Carroll has already declared she would like to challenge Ford. Coun. Adam Vaughan is contemplating a run, as is NDP MP Olivia Chow, who leads the pack in every recent poll. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Private clinics fail inspections

Shhh. Legislation that allows college to investigate also bars them from naming names, president says

Nine private medical clinics in Ontario have been found to be providing substandard care that places patients at risk, according to a report to be released Monday by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario.

But the same legislation that gave the college the authority to inspect the clinics also forbids it from publicly identifying the ones that got failing grades.

The report doesn't say whether the substandard clinics are still open, identify the doctors who work in them, or reveal if any of those doctors face disciplinary action. It also does not specify what kinds of services the failing clinics provide.

"We are not allowed to discuss the failed premises," said Dr. Bob Byrick, president of the college and chair of its "out-of-hospital premises" inspection committee.

Byrick said legislation passed by the province two years ago that gives the college authority to inspect private clinics also prevents it from revealing too much information about them.

Queen's Park gave regulatory oversight of private clinics to the college following the 2007 death of Krista Stryland, who underwent liposuction surgery at the Toronto Cosmetic Clinic.

The college is releasing its first inspection report Monday. An advanced copy obtained by Torstar News Service reveals that of 251 clinics, 178 passed inspection, 64 passed with conditions and nine failed. In addition to cosmetic surgery, the clinics in question provide colonoscopies, cataract surgery and pain alleviation treatment. They all use anesthesia.

Byrick said he is prohibited by the legislation from revealing how many of the failing clinics provide each of the services in question. Nor, he said, can he reveal where in Ontario they are located.

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Happy clappy holidays! Love, Liam

Liam, 2, claps as he sits on the shoulders of his father, Stephen Nieforth, while watching a performance on the stage at the Toronto Christmas Market in the Distillery District on Sunday. The market runs until Dec. 16.

JESSICA SMITH/METRO

Council

Bailao's drunk driving case in court

Coun. Ana Bailao's drunk driving case goes to court on Monday.

Bailao (Ward 18, Davenport), a swing voter who has played a key role on the social-housing file, faces charges of impaired driving and of driving with a blood-alcohol level higher than the legal limit.

She was stopped at around 1:45 a.m. on Oct. 16 near Bathurst and Harbord streets. She had attended the Mayor's Ball for the Arts earlier in the night.

Bailao said on Oct. 17 that she intends to plead not guilty. Her lawyer said Bailao will not personally attend court on Monday.

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Ana Bailao TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

X marks the spot

NOW's Ford cover controversial

NOW Magazine's cover of Mayor Rob Ford has been compared to TIME Magazine's front cover of Adolf Hitler printed 67 years ago.

The cover shows Ford with a dripping, spray-painted X splashed across his face. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Early Xmas for Angels?

Return bling: Judge

Toronto Hells Angels can expect gold and diamond jewelry, this season from the Crown Attorney's office.

All items with the Hells Angels logo seized during raids in April 2007 must be returned, the Ontario Superior Court of Justice has ruled. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Campus attack

Arrest made in most recent York U sexual assault

An arrest has been made in connection with a sexual assault on York University's Keele campus on Thursday afternoon.

The attack occurred shortly before 1 p.m. in the basement of Stong College, where a female student was allegedly approached by a male who asked her if she wanted to dance. The victim told police the suspect grabbed her hand and pressed himself against her. She pulled away and the man fled. Police arrested a 24-year-old Mississauga man on Saturday evening. He is scheduled to appear in court on Jan. 15. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Unknown circumstances

Ontario woman volunteering in Tanzania dies

An Ontario woman has died in unknown circumstances while volunteering to help children in the east African country of Tanzania.

Family friend Rev. Brian Goodings said the Foreign Affairs Department has confirmed that Collingwood resident Susan Wells, 41, died Wednesday. Foreign Affairs has said an autopsy has been performed in Tanzania as authorities there try to discover cause of death. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Susan Wells
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No word on suspects

Man dead after being shot multiple times in northwest Toronto

Police say a man has been shot dead in northwest Toronto.

Police say they were called around 8 a.m. Sunday to an apartment near Keele Street and Wilson Avenue, where they found a man with multiple gunshot wounds. They say medical officials pronounced him dead at the scene.

Police believe the man was in his 30s.

His name has not been released and there's no word on suspects. THE CANADIAN PRESS/AM640

Honest Ed's. Turkey giveaway tradition continues

Poultry lovers lined up by the hundreds in Toronto Sunday morning to pick up a free turkey they plan to gobble up this holiday season.

Some staked out their spot in the line outside Honest Ed's as early as Friday, two days before the annual giveaway.

The iconic store handed out more than 6,000 kilograms of turkey.

The tradition began in 1987 with the late Ed Mirvish, the store's owner and namesake.

It's now being carried out by his son.

The event typically draws such a massive crowd that police are on site to ensure it goes smoothly. THE CANADIAN PRESS/AM640

David Mirvish has taken over his father's turkey giveaway tradition. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

Shark fin ban overruled, city councillors outraged

Ontario Superior Court. Judge sided with four challengers, who argued the bylaw is constitutionally invalid

Toronto councillors are expressing outrage and say they may appeal after the Ontario Superior Court overruled the city's ban on shark fins.

"I think that decision is fundamentally flawed and fundamentally wrong," Coun. Glenn De Baeremaeker said Saturday, reacting to Justice James Spence's ruling Friday that a city bylaw banning shark fins fell outside the city's jurisdiction. De Baeremaeker, along with Coun. Kristyn Wong-Tam, was a proponent of the 2011 bylaw that ruled no person shall possess, sell or consume shark fin or shark fin food products within the city.

"There's no right-thinking person in the city of Toronto who would think it's acceptable to take an animal out of the ocean, slice off its fins and throw it back in the ocean, where it's going to drown or bleed to death or be eaten by other animals."

After city councillors voted in favour of the ban 38-4 in the fall of 2011, Chinese community and business leaders challenged the bylaw in court.

In their application to appeal, challengers said the bylaw is an insult to the Chinese community; fins are used as an ingredient in shark fin soup, a traditional Chinese delicacy, served at weddings or on other special occasions.

"The city has not banned, or even considered banning, any other food or clothing products enjoyed by any other ethnic groups, where the animals from which the food or skin or fur is obtained are raised or killed in ways that most residents of the city would consider painful and cruel if they were aware of it," they wrote in their appeal.

In his ruling Friday, Spence agreed with four challengers — Barbara Chiu, Hughes Eng, Peter Tam and Jacky Ma — who argued the bylaw is constitutionally invalid because the municipality lacks the authority to protect national resources that never come within provincial waters, such as sharks.

John Leung, co-chair of the Fair and Responsible Governance Alliance, who spoke on behalf of the challengers, said he's pleased with the court decision. "City councillors should focus on the well-being and interests of the city, so they would not waste the city's resources and the taxpayers' money."

De Baeremaeker said he believes Toronto has every right to pass legislation to stop animal cruelty and to ban products from the city.

"We live in a global village. What we do in Toronto impacts the entire world. If we use ivory for our jewelry and piano keys, elephants in Africa get slaughtered — it's very simple to understand the connection between our actions here and what happens globally." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Precedent

Major cities across Canada, including North Vancouver and Calgary, have banned shark fin products, to protect the species.

- **Importing.** Shark finning, the act of removing the fins from sharks and discarding the rest of the carcass, has been prohibited in Canada since 1994, but importing fins from other regions without regulations is permitted.

A worker cuts a shark fin at a fish market in Dubai in this file photo. An Ontario Superior Court judge has struck down Toronto's ban on shark fins, saying the city bylaw fell beyond the city's jurisdiction. KAMRAN JEBREILI/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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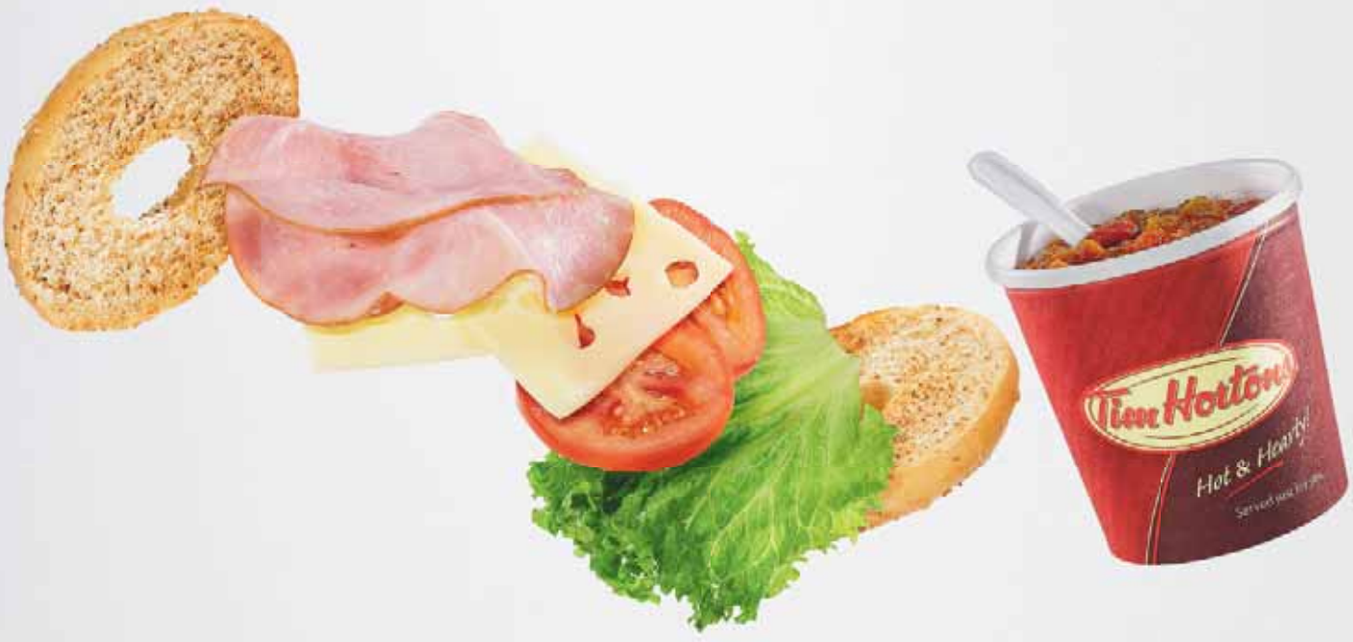

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Egypt's top judges strike over courthouse blockade

Power play. Morsi supporters rally to stop judges from ruling on constitutional bias

Egypt's top court suspended its work indefinitely to protest "psychological and physical pressures" after supporters of the Islamist president prevented judges from entering the courthouse Sunday to rule on the legitimacy of a disputed constitutional assembly.

The decision by the Supreme Constitutional Court (SCC) is the latest twist in a worsening political crisis pitting President Mohammed Morsi and his allies against the mostly secular opposition and the powerful judiciary. The standoff began when Morsi issued decrees on Nov. 22 that gave him sweeping powers and granted the president — and the constitutional committee — immunity from the courts.

The Islamist-dominated panel drafting the new constitution then raced in a marathon session last week to vote on the charter's 236 clauses without the participation of liberal and Christian members. The fast-track hearing pre-empted a decision expected from the SCC on whether to dissolve the committee. The judges on Sunday postponed their ruling on that case.

A day earlier, Morsi announced a referendum on the draft charter on Dec. 15 despite opposition protests and questions about the document's legitimacy.

The president's seizure of vast powers has galvanized Egypt's disparate opposition groups, who have united in their demands that Morsi rescind the decrees and create a constituent assembly that is more balanced and inclusive.

Supporters of Morsi, who hails from the Islamic fundamentalist Muslim Brotherhood, claim that the court's judges are loyalists of ousted president Hosni Mubarak, who appointed them. Morsi's backers accuse the judges of trying to derail Egypt's transition to democratic rule.

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Dark times

"(This is) the Egyptian judiciary's blackest day on record."

The Supreme constitutional Court describing Sunday's blockade.

Riot police block supporters of President Mohammed Morsi surrounding the Supreme Constitutional Court on Sunday. AHMAD HAMMAD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Israel to withhold tax transfer to Palestinians

Israel on Sunday roundly rejected the United Nations' endorsement of an independent state of Palestine, announcing it would withhold more than $100 million collected for the Palestinian government to pay debts to Israeli companies.

It was the second act of reprisal since the UN General Assembly voted on Thursday to support Palestinian statehood. The following day, Israel announced plans to build thousands of settlement homes, including the first-ever developments on a sensitive piece of land near Jerusalem.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu declared the campaign, led by Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, "a gross violation of the agreements signed with ... Israel."

Abbas returned Sunday to a hero's welcome in the West Bank city of Ramallah. Some 5,000 people thronged a square outside his headquarters.

"We now have a state," he said. "The world has said loudly, 'Yes to the state of Palestine.'"

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu at a meeting, Sunday. LIOR MIZRAHI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Abbas warned of "creative punishments" by Israel. Referring to the latest settlement plans, he said, "We have to realize that your victory has provoked the powers of war, occupation and settlements."

The UN resolution endorsed the Palestinian position that its state includes the West Bank, east Jerusalem and Gaza Strip, territories captured by Israel.

In response, Finance Minister Yuval Steinitz said the government would withhold taxes and customs collected from Palestinian labourers and businesses on behalf of Abbas' Palestinian Authority.

The money will be used to help pay off the authority's debts to Israel, government officials said. This month, more than $100 million was to have been transferred. Steinitz said Israel would decide later whether to withhold future transfers.

Israel announced Friday that it would press ahead plans to build 3,000 housing units in the West Bank and east Jerusalem, the core of the Palestinians' hoped-for state.

It also vowed to dust off a master plan to build apartments and hotels on the section of territory east of Jerusalem. Palestinians have warned such construction would doom the creation of a viable state of Palestine.

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Intelligence. Navy struggles to explain lost and found sensitive data

Electronic records detailing the planned overhaul of Canadian naval intelligence — created when admitted Russian spy Jeffrey Delisle was at the height of his treachery — were deleted from a National Defence database.

Two PowerPoint presentations, aimed at explaining the overhaul to intelligence analysts, were reported deleted when copies were requested earlier this year by The Canadian Press.

Military officials described the deletions as a clerical error.

The navy later claimed some copies had survived in email accounts.

Questions about the deletion come at a time when the military's entire handling of sensitive data is under scrutiny.

"We should be asking questions, absolutely," said retired colonel and military law expert Michel Drapeau.

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Sub.-Lt. Jeffrey Paul Delisle leaves court in Halifax. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Iran

Death sentence for Canadian resident suspended: Lawyer

A lawyer for Canadian resident Saeed Malekpour said that the computer programmer's death sentence on charges of creating a network of porn websites has been suspended in Iran.

Amnesty International and several activists have expressed caution, reserving judgement for proof of the suspension. Iran has in the past reversed decisions for clemency.

Malekpour has maintained that a software program he created while in Canada was used without his knowledge to post pornography. But he was nevertheless allegedly tortured for a confession and charged with "insulting and desecrating Islam."

After a 2010 trial widely condemned as unfair — and in which he was forbidden to defend himself — he was condemned to death.

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Fuel crisis on Kashechewan reserve averted

Northern Ontario. Local MP upset the community had to come so close to the brink to get Ottawa's attention

A year after the northern Ontario community of Attawapiskat jarred the country's conscience with its deplorable housing conditions, the reserve next door has only narrowly averted a similar crisis.

Kashechewan First Nation declared a state of emergency last week because it was running out of fuel and because 21 houses were not fit to face winter.

The federal government stepped in with help, just in the nick of time.

State of emergency

According to local MP Charlie Angus of the NDP, it wasn't until the band declared an emergency and he exchanged words with Aboriginal Affairs Minister John Duncan that federal help kicked in.

- A spokesman for Duncan said Aboriginal Affairs had arranged for emergency fuel delivery a week before the emergency declaration.

But fuel shortages are becoming more common among remote northern Ontario communities right now, said Alvin Fiddler, deputy grand chief of the Nishnawbe Aski Nation, a regional advocacy network.

That's because the ice road used to truck in a year's supply of diesel last winter did not last as long as usual.

"Everybody is running out now. We're looking at a two-month gap" until this winter's ice road is solid enough to truck in fresh supplies, Fiddler said in an interview.

In Kashechewan, extra fuel supplies were supposed to come in by barge, but bad weather and demands from other communities meant the Cree didn't receive enough.

Kashechewan's chief was poised late last month to shut down the band office, two schools, the power generation centre, health clinic and the fire hall because the buildings were not heated.

"We're always putting Band-aids on septic wounds," NDP MP Charlie Angus said in an interview.

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Wreaths laid to honour fallen veterans

Relatives and members of the public place wreaths at headstones of fallen soldiers during a Wreaths Across Canada ceremony at Beechwood Military Cemetery in Ottawa, Sunday. The commemorative ceremony places a wreath on the headstone of every veteran buried in the National Military Cemetery, the first Sunday of every December at 1:30. The day also helps teach children the sacrifice of our fallen. FRED CHARTRAND/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Federal commission says 'no' to building code changes for wildfire-prone areas

A federal commission has rejected proposals to change Canada's national construction codes to better protect communities from destructive wildfires.

The changes would have required builders in areas prone to forest fires to use less flammable building materials, to space buildings farther apart and to keep them clear of trees and vegetation. "The majority of the provinces said, 'No, you can't put this in the building codes because we couldn't enforce it,"' Philip Rizcallah of the Canadian Commission on Building and Fire Codes, said from Ottawa.

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Worldwide pollution levels on the rise

Global warming.
Scientists say CO_2 increase means it's unlikely that countries will meet reduction targets

A smoggy morning commute in Beijing. China is responsible for the majority of a three per cent increase in worldwide carbon dioxide levels in 2011, making it the world's biggest polluter. GETTY IMAGES/FILE PHOTOS

The amount of heat-trapping pollution the world spewed rose again last year by three per cent. Scientists say it's now unlikely that global warming can be limited to a couple of degrees, which is an international goal.

The overwhelming majority of the increase was from China, the world's biggest carbon dioxide polluter. Of the planet's top 10 polluters, the United States and Germany were the only countries that reduced their carbon dioxide emissions.

Last year, all the world's nations combined pumped nearly 38.2 billion tons of carbon dioxide into the air from the burning of fossil fuels such as coal and oil, according to new international calculations on global emissions published Sunday in the journal Nature Climate Change. That's about a billion tons more than the previous year.

The total amounts to more than 2.4 million pounds (1.1 million kilograms) of carbon dioxide released into the air every second.

Because emissions of the key greenhouse gas have been rising steadily and most carbon stays in the air for a century, it is not just unlikely but "rather optimistic" to think that the world can limit future temperature increases to 2 C (3.6 F), said the study's lead author, Glen Peters at the Center for International Climate and Environmental Research in Oslo, Norway.

Three years ago, nearly 200 nations set the 2 C temperature goal in a non-binding agreement. Negotiators, now at a conference under way in Doha, Qatar, are trying to find ways to reach that target.

The only way, Peters said, is to start reducing world emissions now and "throw everything we have at the problem."

Andrew Weaver, a scientist at the University of Victoria in Canada who was not part of the study, said: "We are losing control of our ability to get a handle on the global warming problem."

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Conference in Doha

Looking beyond Kyoto

Highlighting a rift between the rich countries and emerging economies like China, New Zealand's climate minister staunchly defended his government's decision to drop out of the emissions pact for developed nations, saying it's an outdated and insufficient response to global warming.

Other key issues at the conference, now starting its second week, include how to help emerging nations switch to climate-friendly energy sources and charting the course for a new treaty that would replace the Kyoto Protocol, which covers only developed countries.

New Zealand backed out of the pact's second phase last week. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

2011's biggest polluters

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2. United States, down two per cent to 5.9 billion tons
3. India, up seven per cent to 2.5 billion tons
4. Russia, up three per cent to 1.8 billion tons.
5. Japan, up 0.4 per cent to 1.3 billion tons.

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Overfishing puts bigeye tuna under threat

Pacific island nations and environmentalists raised an alarm Sunday over destructive fishing methods and overfishing that they say are threatening bigeye tuna — the fish popular among sushi lovers worldwide.

Palau fisheries official Nanette Malsol, who leads a bloc of Pacific island nations, said at the start of a weeklong tuna fisheries conference in Manila that large countries should cut back on fishing, curb the use of destructive fishing methods and respect fishing bans to allow tuna stocks to be replenished.

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China now tops U.S. as world's trade partner

The hand that feeds. China is starting to push back in disputes over trade, exchange rates and climate change

Shin Cheol-soo no longer sees his future in the United States.

The South Korean businessman supplied components to American automakers for a decade. But this year, he uprooted his family from Detroit and moved home to focus on selling to the new economic superpower: China.

In just five years, China has surpassed the U.S. as a trading partner for much of the world, including U.S. allies such as South Korea and Australia, according to an Associated Press analysis of trade data. As recently as 2006, the U.S. was the larger trading partner for 127 countries, versus just 70 for China. By last year the two had clearly traded places: 124 countries for China, 76 for the U.S.

In the most abrupt global shift of its kind since the Second World War, the trend is changing the way people live and do business from Africa to Arizona, as farmers plant more soybeans to sell to China and students sign up to learn Mandarin.

Power-holder

"The United States is a tiger with no power."

Shin Cheol-soo, South Korean businessman

The findings show how fast China has ascended to challenge America's century-old status as the globe's dominant trader, a change that is gradually translating into political influence. They highlight how pervasive China's impact has been, spreading from neighbouring Asia to Africa and now emerging in Latin America, the traditional U.S. backyard.

Despite China's now-slowing economy, its share of world output and trade is expected to keep rising, with growth forecast at up to eight per cent a year over the next decade.

Last year, Shin's Ena Industry Co. made half his sales of rubber and plastic parts to U.S. factories. But his plans call for China, which overtook the U.S. as the biggest auto market in 2009, to rise fivefold to 30 per cent of his total by 2015.

"The United States is a tiger with no power," Shin said in his office, where three walls are lined with books, many about China. "Nobody can deny that China is the one now rising."

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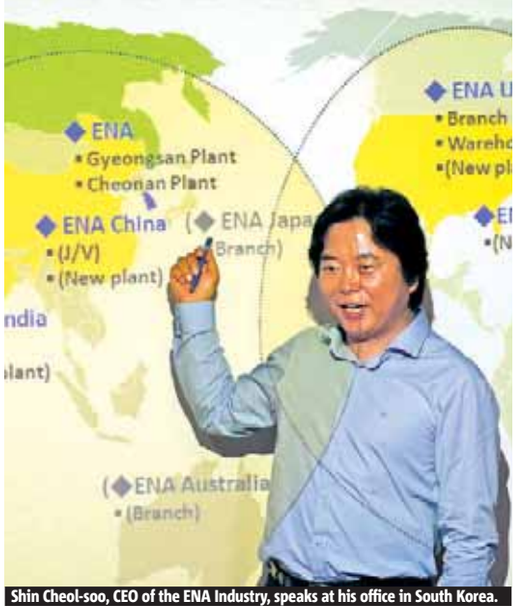

Shin Cheol-soo, CEO of the ENA Industry, speaks at his office in South Korea. Shin uprooted from Detroit to move closer to China, where economic opportunities are stronger. China now leads in key trade partnerships worldwide. LEE JIN-MAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Trade secrets. Couple convicted of stealing info on hybrid car technology

A former General Motors engineer with access to the automaker's hybrid technology was convicted along with her husband of stealing trade secrets for possible use in China.

Shanshan Du won a transfer within GM in 2003 to be closer to the technology and then copied documents until she accepted a severance offer and left the company in 2005, prosecutors said. Du and Yu Qin were found guilty Friday by a federal jury in Detroit. Qin was also convicted of wire fraud and attempting to obstruct justice by shredding documents.

Du faces up to 10 years in prison, while her husband faces up to 30.

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Battery maker

China approves Wanxiang bid to buy U.S.'s A123

China has approved a proposal by auto parts conglomerate Wanxiang Group Corp. to purchase the assets of bankrupt U.S. battery maker A123 Systems.

The Chinese Commerce Ministry's approval of the bid was announced by the official Xinhua News Agency on Sunday.

Wanxiang is interested in buying substantially all of the assets of A123, which is based in Massachusetts.

It will have to compete with other bidders, including Johnson Controls Inc., a U.S. auto parts maker in Milwaukee, which has offered $125 million for A123's automotive assets.

A123 has received more than $130 million in Department of Energy grants. A court hearing to consider approving the asset sale is set for Dec. 11.

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CHAOS REIGNS AT CITY HALL — AND THERE'S NO GOOD WAY FORWARD

URBAN COMPASS
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As skaters glide across the ice rink in front of city hall for the first time this season, chaos reigns inside.

Mayor Rob Ford is fighting to retain his office following a ruling that he violated the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act. Toronto City Council is in disarray, as all leadership from the mayor's office has completely evaporated. Councillors and assorted hangers-on have already switched into election mode, sniping and name-calling turned up to max volume.

And nobody is sure what's going to happen next.

With Ford facing ouster, Toronto faces three possible futures: A successful appeal from Ford's legal team, a council-appointed mayor, or a byelection in which Ford would stand against a few challengers. I can't find much to like about any of these options.

Ford getting a legal stay that allows him to remain in office and then winning his appeal would quickly revert things back to status quo, which is kind of appealing. Before the initial decision, I was hoping the judge would find a way to find Ford not guilty, figuring that that'd be the best long-term outcome. But Pandora's box is wide open now: The judge presented a well-reasoned ruling and I don't see good arguments for appeal given the plain facts of the case.

Should Ford lose his appeal...

Voting to appoint someone — other than Ford, who I'm not sure a majority of councillors would back— would look very much like an attempt to lock the man Toronto elected mayor in 2010 out of his office.

Should Ford lose his appeal, council could simply appoint a new mayor and stave off an election until the next scheduled campaign in 2014. This would at least lower the temperature. But that option started looking way less appealing after the judge ruled Ford would be eligible to participate in a byelection. Voting to appoint someone — other than Ford, who I'm not sure a majority of councillors would back — would look very much like an attempt to lock the man Toronto elected mayor in 2010 out of his office.

That leaves us, by default, staring down the barrel of a byelection. The compressed time frame and legion of interested candidates means it'll be a hectic one. The price tag is about $7 million, erasing in one stroke many of the nickel-and-dime "efficiencies" Ford likes to say he's found at city hall. And it'll only provide at best six months of political stability before Toronto is pushed into yet another year-long election campaign in 2014.

It's not ideal, but at least a byelection will provide a definitive, democratic answer on whether Toronto still wants Mayor Rob Ford.

Meanwhile, while politicians struggle to untie these legal, procedural and electoral knots, the business of the city — all that talk of transit expansion, affordable housing, economic development and waterfront renewal — sits and waits.

Maybe one day city hall will actually get back to work. For now, mired in chaos, Toronto's future is on hold.

Nathan Philips Square was a hub of activity on Saturday afternoon when the skating rink opened to the public for the first day of the season. Conditions inside city hall are icy with Mayor Rob Ford's appeal pending.
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Cartooning consumerism

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Windsor, Ont.

Tagging acts as culture commentary

The iconic cartoon father Homer Simpson pasted to the side of a shuttered 7-Eleven in Windsor, Ont., cries out in pain, blood dripping from his hands and wrists. Dubbed Homercidal, he's the work of street artist Ben Frost.

"It's as if consumerism has affected Windsor in a way that's burst the bubble," he says. "Homer has the blood of the workers on his hands." METRO

D'oh

- Frost also affixed a two-headed Dewey (of Duck Tales fame) to an abandoned Kentucky Fried Chicken, and a somewhat disturbing version of Bambi to a former Home Depot location.
- The KFC duck clearly invokes urban legends about the company using genetically-modified animals in its food, while the Home Depot piece is a comment on mass-produced goods.

Buyer's remorse

Message might stick

Frost uses his art as a form of social commentary.

"In a lot of ways, it's about using corporate imagery as a way to take the power back, taking their logos and what they're feeding us, and subverting it," he says.

Frost's pieces are paper posters affixed using simple adhesives. The method helps minimize his chance of a run-in with the law.

"Because it's paper, you can only get in trouble for littering," he says. METRO

Not about doughnuts

"It's a nod to a consumer culture where we're just creating simulations of the same stuff ... Especially at a place like Home Depot where there's five million $1 paintbrushes. There must be a machine somewhere that's just spitting them out."

Ben Frost, Toronto-based street artist

Giving the gift that keeps on motoring

News Worth Sharing

Media will always have to report on the tough stuff. But we know that Canada is full of compassionate individuals, inspiring projects and stories worth celebrating. Here's just one.

This holiday season, a Burlington car dealership is once again giving the gift of wheels.

For their third annual Christmas Eve Car Giveaway, J.P. Motors will be giving away a 2008 Pontiac Montana on Dec. 24.

The kindhearted initiative is the family-owned business' way of embracing the holiday spirit.

"We wanted to do something to give back to the community by helping out a family in need during Christmas time," says Krista Medeiros.

The minivan will be given to a Burlington resident in need of a vehicle for financial or health reasons, or someone who's active in volunteer work and would benefit greatly from the use of personal transportation.

The used vehicle, which has clocked 98,000 kilometres, comes with a lifetime motor warranty.

To nominate a worthy recipient, email JPMotors@JPMotors.com or drop off a nomination form at J.P. Motors, 2320 Fairview St., Burlington. (Nomination forms can be accessed at jpmotors.com.)

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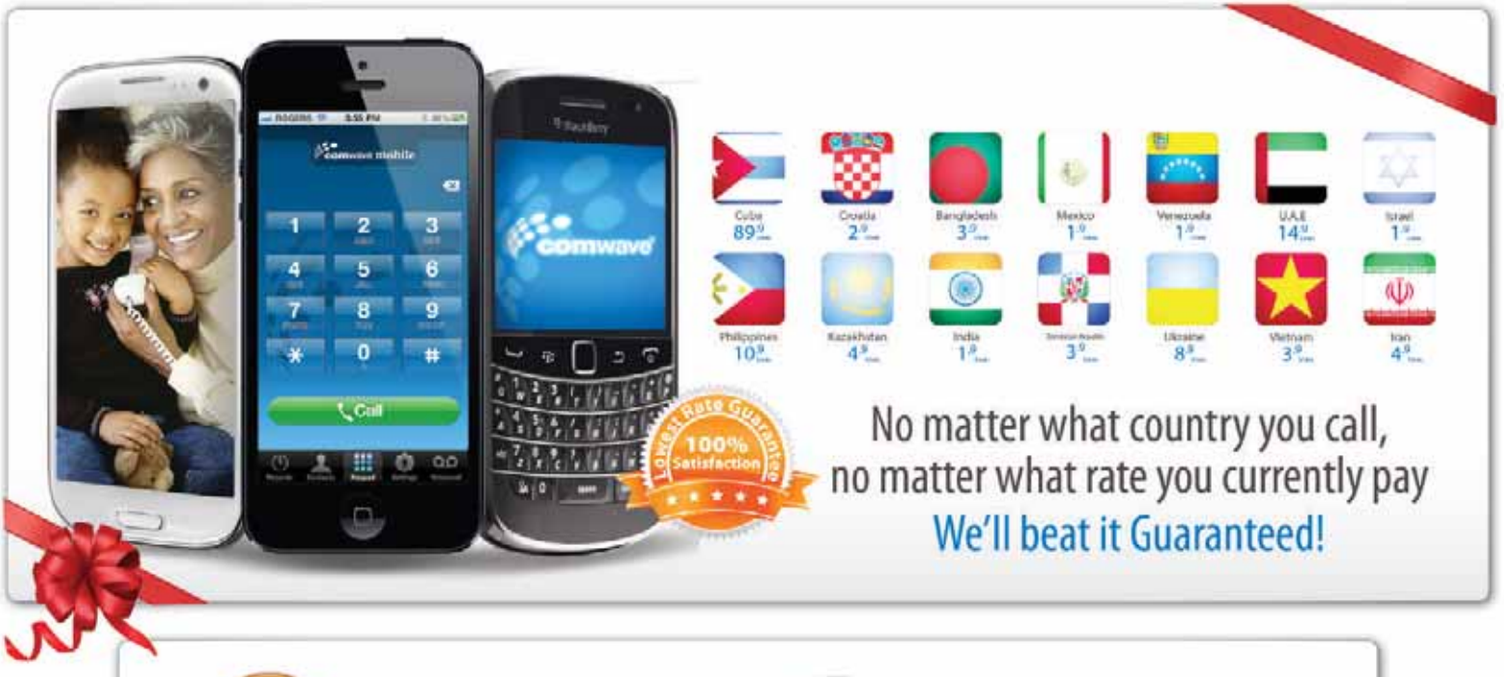

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Torture? That's fine, but don't beat him at ping-pong

Silent Night. Latest role offers McDowell — who relished beating Stanley Kubrick at table tennis — a rare chance to play the good guy

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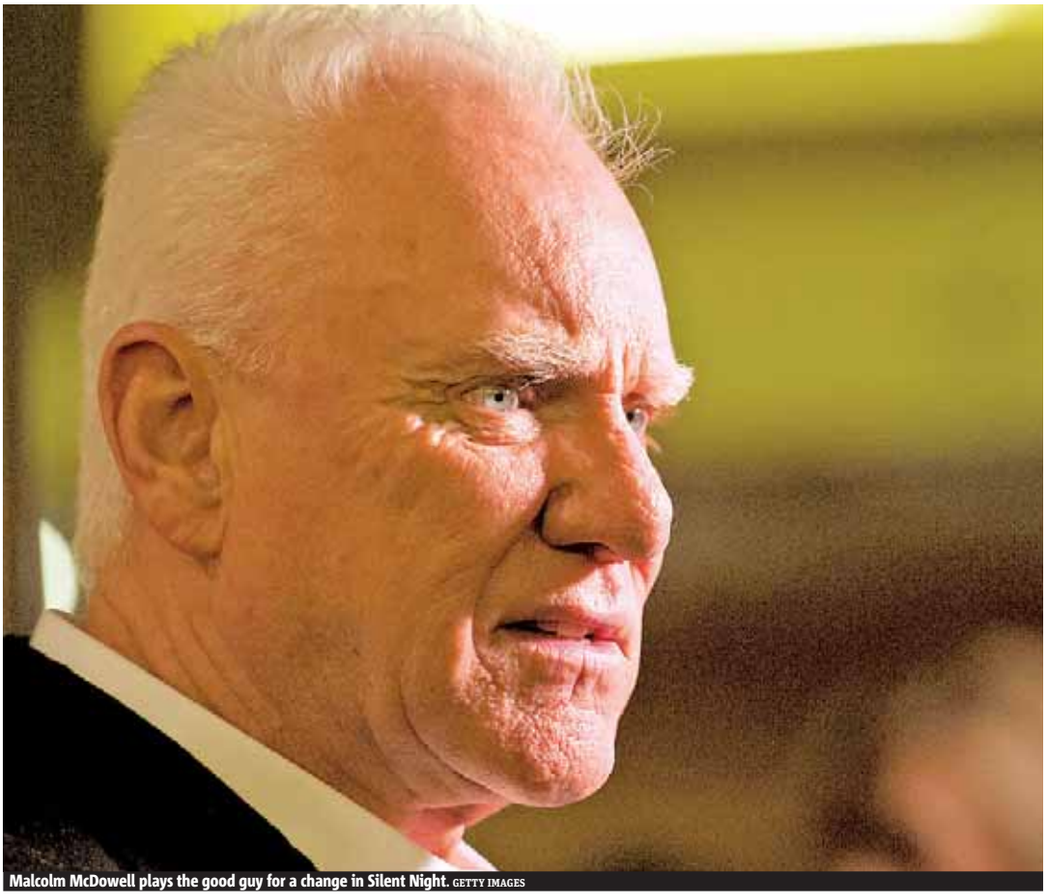
Malcolm McDowell plays the good guy for a change in Silent Night. GETTY IMAGES

On Wednesday, the two most popular items on my Facebook site were a picture of a kimono-wearing David Bowie playing ping-pong, the other a mention of my upcoming interview with Malcolm McDowell.

My reference to McDowell, the menacing actor who famously played the man who killed Captain Kirk in Star Trek: Generations and became an icon starring as Alex DeLarge in A Clockwork Orange, drew dozens of comments.

The interview was meant to promote Silent Night, a Winnipeg-shot slasher flick about a killer Santa Claus, on DVD next week, but before we get into talking about the film, however, I tell him about the postings. He connects the dots between table tennis and his most famous film.

It seems director Stanley Kubrick and McDowell played ping-pong on the set of A Clockwork Orange. When I ask who usually won, he said:

"He never ever took a set from me. I wiped the floor with him with such great relish because it was the only thing I could really beat him at. He was tormenting me as the character and I'm sure deep down he enjoyed it. He was a little bit sadistic. I went through quite a lot of nasty injuries from the eye thing and horrible things like being dunked in water and almost drowned. There was a lot of physical abuse. So when I could get my own back, I really loved it."

When I ask if he still plays the game, he replies, "No, I haven't played in years."

Hasn't had time I guess.

An on-going role in the series Franklin and Bush and 17 other IMDB credits for 2012 alone are proof that at age 69, he keeps as busy as most actors half his age. He says Silent Night was a welcome change, however.

Usually cast as a baddie, he was chuffed to play the brave sheriff of a town terrorized by a slaying Santa. "Without pandering to the audience, I just wanted to bring a little lightness and humour to it without chewing the scenery," he says. "Well, not too much."

Not that he's unhappy playing villains. "In my early career, I started playing heavies," he says. "Clockwork Orange is one of the great heavies. If I had been playing heroic types I would have had a very short career. Playing heavies has allowed me to work no matter what my age."

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Psychedelic rockers Black Moth Super Rainbow keep their distance with their poppy, expletive-laden new offering, Cobra Juicy. SEVEN FIELDS OF APHELION

Masking shortcomings

New music. Tom Fec from Black Moth Super Rainbow talks singing ability, wearing masks

HEIDI PATALANO
Metro World News

Tom Fec, otherwise known as Tobacco, otherwise known (with other band members) as Black Moth Super Rainbow, is something of a man of mystery. Sequestered in the woods outside of Pittsburgh, Fec sings only through the electronic machinations of a vocoder, so it's rare when a journalist gets to hear his absent-minded meanderings without a filter.

"I have a lot of limitations because I can't sing," he explains. "I can pretty much get anything I want out of the vocoder, so that's why I go with it."

Masks are also a major theme for this enigmatic band, who just released their fifth full-length album. Like most of the BMSR albums before it, the cover art for Cobra Juicy features a haunting face. The hollow eyes of it seem to echo the distance Fec puts between himself and the fans of his work, and it gives the psychedelic trash-rock he makes that much more effectively creepy.

"I grew up on Garbage Pail Kids and Mad Balls and all that kind of s—," Fec says. "I was always drawn to this big colourful kind of ugly, but well-designed faces and I think that's what it'll always be. I think (the cover art) is as important as the music. I think it frames it all so I have to make it for every album."

The care that Fec puts into the design of those creepy faces is purposeful, he says. Cobra Juicy was funded by a Kickstarter campaign and Fec wants to be sure that fans are getting something for their money.

"There aren't a lot of bands who really care about their album covers, it feels like," he says. "They're really boring and it makes sense to me why you would want to just download it and not own a physical copy. It's like, 'Why would I want this stupid picture? Why would I want this in my house?'"

Quoted

"I have a lot of limitations because I can't sing."

Tom Fec
Talking about making music.

Pop with an edge

Getting the juicy sound

HEIDI PATALANO
Metro World News

As for the sound of the new album, itself, Tom Fec says "it's about as poppy as I thought we'd ever do."

But he also adds that fans can expect to hear a meaner, sharper edge in the lyrics. The album is the first of the band's to feature a parental advisory sticker, after all.

"It's a more fun album. It's a little more like me, I guess. It's a littler meaner," he says.

"It's not nice because I always thought of Black Moths as my baby and I've always curated the way I release it to the public in a nice way. At the end of the day, it's not totally who I am. I guess it's just more honest."

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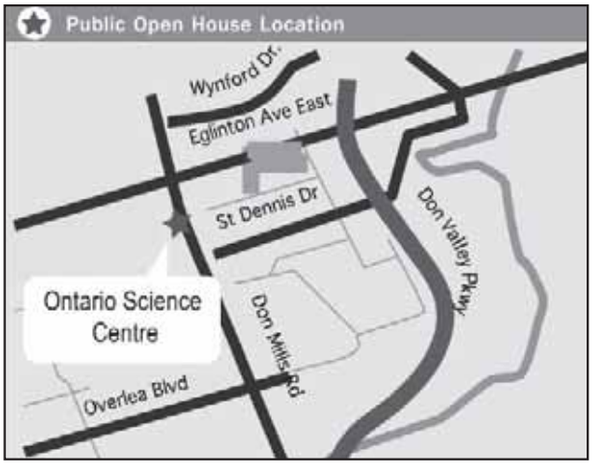

The information meeting will be held starting at 7:00 p.m. with an opportunity to view displays and speak one-on-one with staff, followed by a presentation and question and answer at 8:00 p.m. We look forward to seeing you there.

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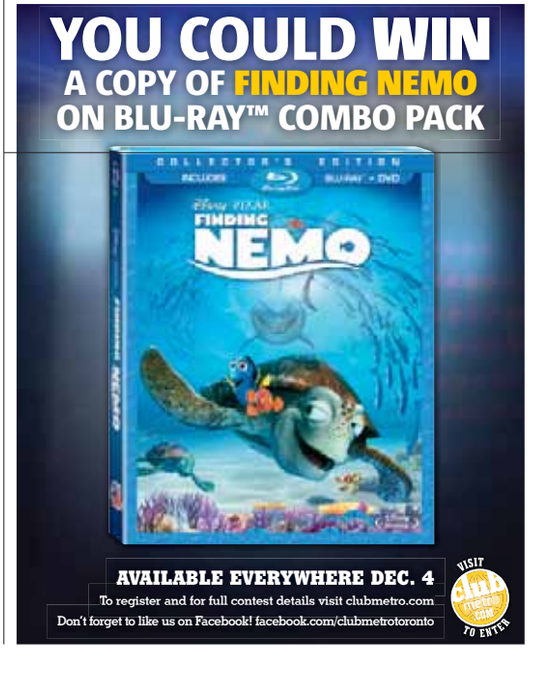
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December

Sun. 2	5 pm	Toy Story 2
	8 pm	Toy Story 3
Mon. 3	8 pm	Stars On Ice
Wed. 5	8 pm	Dragons' Den Holiday Special
Sat. 8	7 pm	Hockey: A People's History
	8 pm	ISU Championship Skating - Grand Prix Final
Sun. 9	5 pm	Lassie
	8 pm	Home Alone
Mon. 10	2 pm	Steven and Chris Holiday episodes begin
	8 pm	Dr. Seuss: How the Grinch Stole Christmas
	8:30 pm	Frosty the Snowman
Tues. 11	8 pm	22 Minutes Holiday Special
Wed. 12	8 pm	Holiday Festival On Ice 2012
Thurs. 13	8 pm	Mickey's Christmas Carol
	8:30 pm	The Magic Hockey Skates
	9 pm	Season of Song: Canadian Tenors and Friends
Fri. 14	8 pm	Miracle on 34th Street (1994)
Sun. 16	5 pm	Disney Presents Eloise at Christmastime
	7 pm	Rudolph
	8 pm	National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation
Mon. 17	8 pm	Santa Clause
Tues. 18	8 pm	Santa Clause 2
Wed. 19	8 pm	Santa Clause 3
Thurs. 20	8 pm	Rudolph
	9 pm	Canadian Country Music Association: Home for the Holidays

Fri. 21	8 pm	A Christmas Story
Sun. 23	5 pm	Goose on the Loose (movie)
	7 pm	Frosty The Snowman
	7:30 pm	Frosty Returns
	8 pm	Elf
Mon. 24	8 pm	Scrooge (1951 classic)

Christmas Day

Tues. 25	11 am	Frosty the Snowman
	11:30 am	Frosty Returns
	12 noon	Queen's Message
	12:05 pm	Disney Parks Christmas Day Parade
	2 pm	Goose on the Loose (movie)
	4 pm	Heartland Christmas (movie)
	6 pm	Nativity (movie)
	8 pm	Miracle on 34th Street (1947)
	11pm	Gospel Christmas Celebration
	12am	Stuart McLean's Vinyl Cafe Christmas Pageant

Wed. 26	8 pm	Dragons' Den Holiday Special
	9 pm	Holiday Festival on Ice 2012
Fri. 28	8 pm	Anne Murray: Friends & Legends Holiday Special
Sun. 30	3 pm	March of the Penguins
	5 pm	Chronicles of Narnia

New Year's Eve

Mon. 31	7 pm	22 Minutes Holiday Special
	8 pm	RCAF New Year's Eve Special
	9 pm	Ron James New Year's Eve
	11:30 pm	George Stroumboulopoulos Tonight (New Year's Eve Special)
Jan. 1	8 pm	Happy Feet

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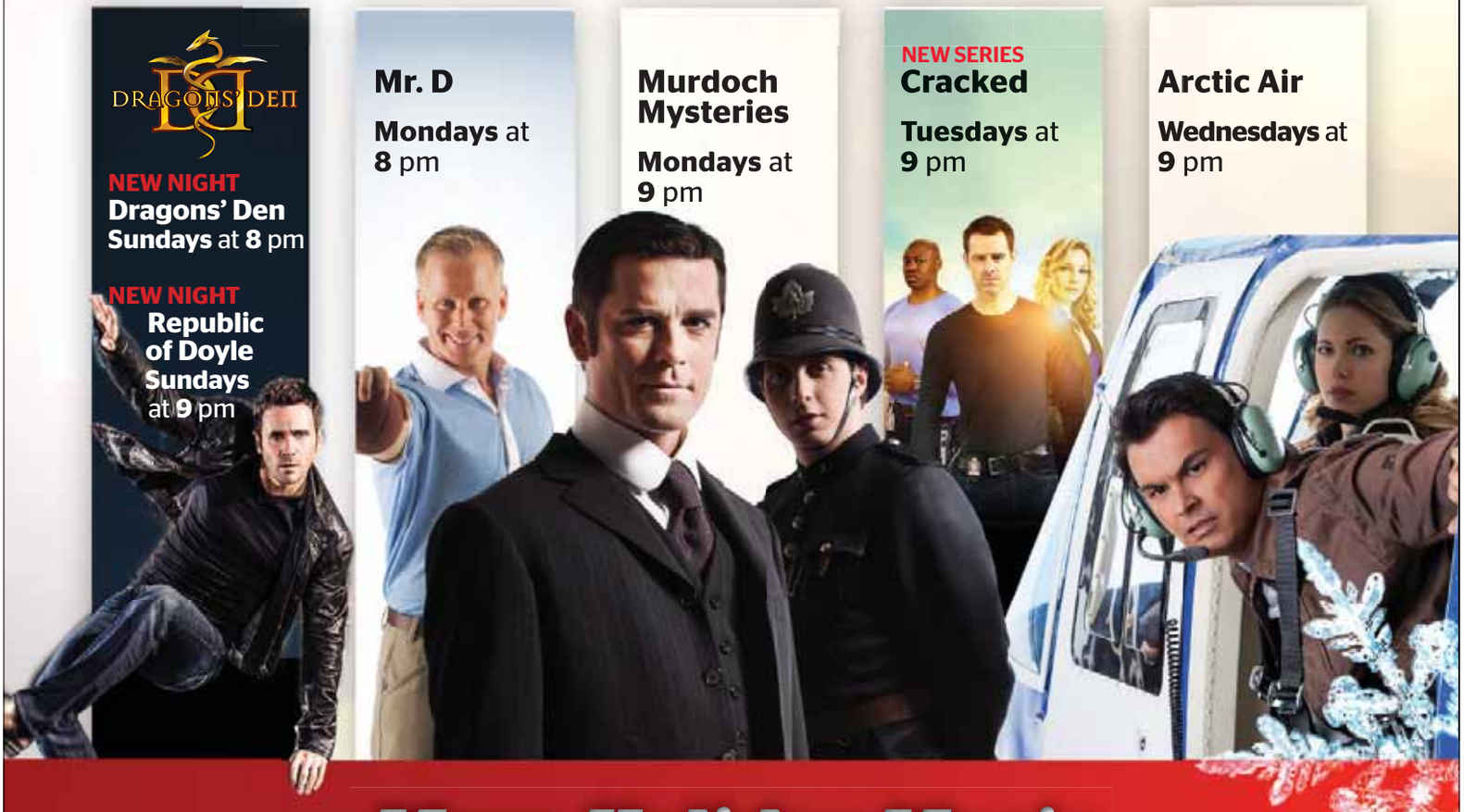

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Twain is Still The One with new Vegas gig

Standing ovation.
Canadian country star overwhelmed by adoring fans during emotional comeback concert in Las Vegas

Shania Twain. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Shania Twain roared into her first live show in more than eight years perched atop a glistening motorcycle on Saturday, dangling on wires at least three metres in the air in a sequined black catsuit, her thick brown hair flowing behind her.

Without singing a word, she then received her first standing ovation from an adoring Caesars Palace audience. Shania was back. And her new Las Vegas digs seemed an even better fit for the Canadian-bred country starlet than the skin-tight costume she wore as she stomped her thigh-high black boots back across the stage for the first time since July 2004. Next, fierce guitars cut like buzzsaws as her 13-piece band launched into I'm Gonna Getcha Good and Twain strutted about the stage as if she'd never left.

But of course, she did leave — and she didn't let the sold-out crowd forget that they were witnessing a tough, triumphant moment for the 47-year-old many still consider the Queen of Country.

"Thank you. Thank you so much — you guys are going to get me all emotional, and then my eyelashes are going to fall off," said Twain, dabbing at her eyes as she addressed the audience for the first time.

And yet, this 100-minute show — titled Shania: Still The One — was at once a callback to one of the most successful runs in recent music history as well as a chic, cheeky look toward a new era in Twain's career.

Saturday's show was extra meaningful in part because Twain has been in vocal rehabilitation for years, since reporting the sudden loss of her voice following her painful split from studio wizard and key creative collaborator Robert (Mutt) Lange. If Twain showed hints of rust in her voice early, she only sounded more robust and comfortable as the gig went on, setting an especially lofty mark for herself during a lovely version of From This Moment On.

While the show was a family friendly affair, Twain also proved that, after nearly a decade spent out of the public eye, she's still not shy about tapping into the power of her sex appeal — and this is, after all, Vegas.

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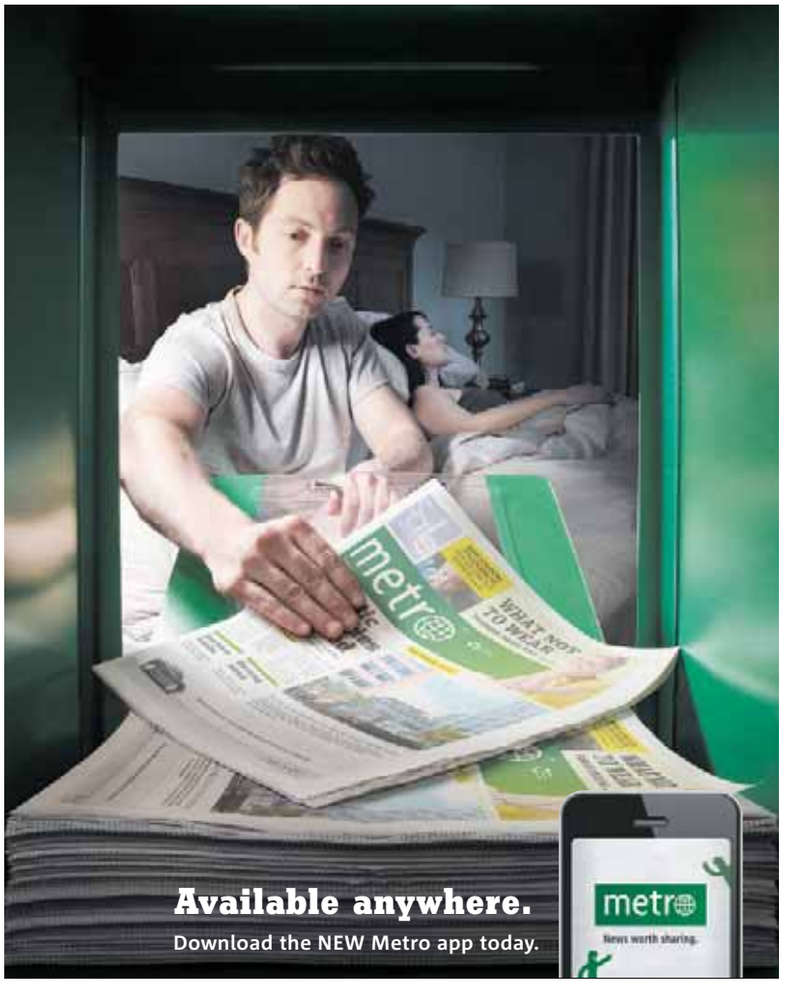

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See the light (and enter the dark)

Mixed Emotions. Spring debut release embraces both positive and negative, just like Jesse Cohen of Brooklyn electronic act

PAT HEALY
Metro World News in Boston

When doing an internet search for music by the electronic act Tanlines, it's inevitable that a much more popular release by a musician who has nothing to do with the Brooklyn-based duo will pop up.

"Oh, you mean Luke Bryan? Tailgates & Tanlines?" asks Jesse Cohen.

It's almost a novelty to hear a guy who plays keyboards, drums and bass for a dance group to name check a country superstar. But Cohen recently became quite familiar with the album that shares a word with his band's name.

"We did a tour of the South two weeks ago, which we had never done, and I made sure to bring that, just to finally listen to it, because it's a huge album and it sold like over a million copies this year, so it's always been all over my Google alerts," he elaborates.

Cohen says while Luke Bryan's brand of baseball-hat country is not exactly his favorite type of music, he does appreciate the music for what it is.

In conversation, Cohen comes across as a person who strives for positivity, but is honest about the negatives.

This ethos has a lot in common with Tanlines' debut album, Mixed Emotions, which came out this past spring.

The music is upbeat, but there's conflict within the lyrics and the rhythms.

"We wanted to write an album that's an honest reflection of who we are as two individuals," says Cohen of himself and singer/guitarist Eric Emm.

"It's that mix of light and dark, happy and sad and upbeat and melancholic at the same time."

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Jesse Cohen and Eric Emm of Tanlines. GETTY IMAGE

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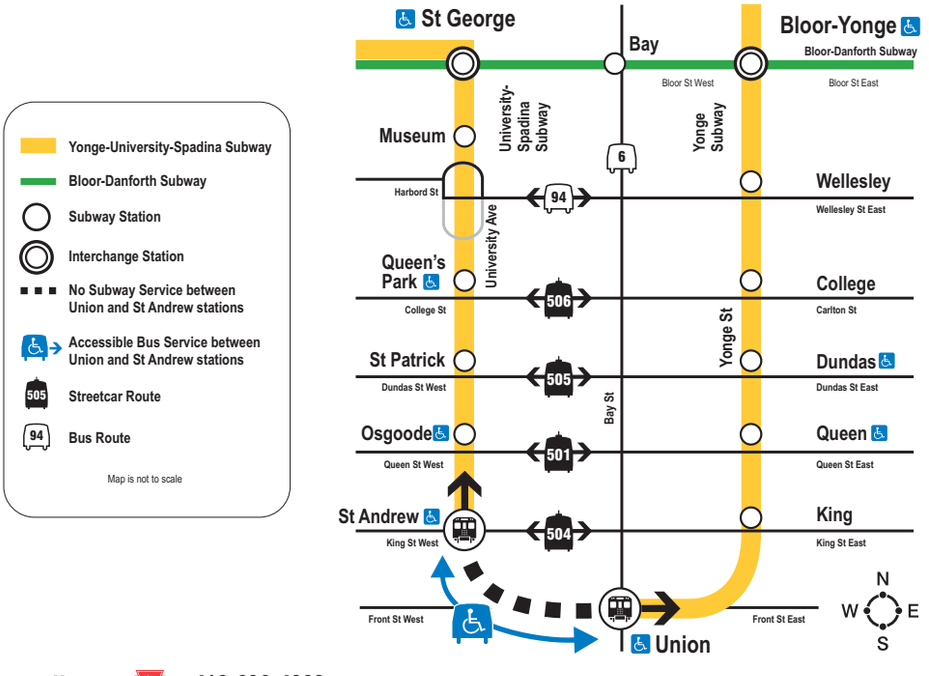

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A biting affair: Pattinson keeps Stewart on her toes

Robert Pattinson

Kristen Stewart and Robert Pattinson may have reconciled following her cheating scandal this summer, but it's not necessarily all smooth sailing between the Twilight co-stars. "Things will be strained for a while," a source tells Us Weekly. "Rob is at a point where he sometimes ignores her. He'll go out and won't respond to her calls or texts right away. She knows she has to go along with it. She is working hard at the relationship."

Quoted

"Rob is at a point where he sometimes ignores her." **Us Weekly source** On his tumultuous relationship with Kristen Stewart

Ke$ha wouldn't rule out romance with the Biebs

Justin Bieber

While Justin Bieber appears to be patching things up with Selena Gomez, he can take comfort in the fact that he'd have other options if the reconciliation doesn't work out. When asked by Rolling Stone if she'd be interested in getting intimate with the 18-year-old pop star, rapper Ke$ha gives a resounding, "Sure" before asking, "Wait, is he even legal? Could I go to jail for this?" Once assured that Bieber is in fact of age, Ke$ha adds, "OK then, I would. We could go out and buy lottery tickets, vote, play putt-putt golf. All the things that are legal at the age of 18."

Quoted

"Wait, is he even legal? Could I go to jail for this?"

Ke$ha
On getting intimate with Justin Bieber

Jessica Biel ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Biel loves calling Timberlake her hubby

Jessica Biel is adjusting to married life, as weird as it may seem to her just over a month after tying the knot with Justin Timberlake.

"It's weird because it feels like almost nothing has changed, yet something that you can't really describe — or something that isn't tangible — has changed," she tells Ellen DeGeneres in an interview.

"I think the weirdest and kind of most wonderful thing is that word, 'That's my husband.' That's the word. And every time I say it, I go really Southern with it. It's weird."

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Swimmers outperformed non-swimmers, regardless of socio-economic background and gender. Not only were visual-motor skills milestones achieved earlier, but children who swam also scored better in areas of literacy and numeracy. **JULIE M. GREEN, YUMMYMUMMYCLUB.CA**

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Easy linen closet solutions

Have you ever found yourself pulling apart your entire linen closet in a desperate search for matching sheets and pillowcases?

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No child should feel afraid to go to school — ever

Bullying. The increasing problem hits close to home for one family

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It's 2:03 a.m. and I'm wide-awake. My mind keeps replaying a conversation my husband and I had with our six-year-old son, who told us he was being bullied at school.

It was the hardest, most gut-wrenching conversation I've ever had. My son was a happy, optimistic kid who recently had turned into an angry, moody and argumentative shell of himself. For the longest time, I blamed myself for going back to work. I wish my job was the reason behind the change.

He was afraid of recess. He didn't want to be pushed or called an idiot and a baby.

The worst part was that he was starting to believe these words. He said, "I know you keep saying that they are just words and I should ignore them, but sometimes the words are just too strong and my brain tells me to believe them. Maybe I am the world's worst boy and I don't deserve to be at that school or in this family. Or maybe I shouldn't even be on this earth. Those boys are making my life shorter. I feel that in my head."

No six-year-old should ever say these words. No child should feel afraid to go to school — ever.

I now have a heightened sense of urgency to find a bullying solution. I get that kids will be kids, but this generation seems to be increasingly filled with kids who push and test the boundaries with no true sense of what consequences their actions will have.

Schools need the resources and support to deal with this ever-growing problem. Parents need to be more proactive.

We need to talk to our kids about being bullied, what bullying is and what it does. We need to keep the lines of communication open and keep the dialogue going until it sinks in.

Before he finally fell asleep, my son asked if we were mad at him for telling us what was bothering him. We both told him how incredibly proud of him we were because we knew how hard it was for him to tell us, especially since it had been bothering him for such a long time. We told him we thought he was very brave. He cried. We cried. We exchanged I love yous and extra long hugs.

Bullying proves that words can hurt. ISTOCK

I stayed with him until he fell asleep, just staring, watching him breathe and hoping that his mind would be filled with nothing but good dreams while he slept. And I wished that in the morning he would turn back into that happy, carefree little boy I once knew.

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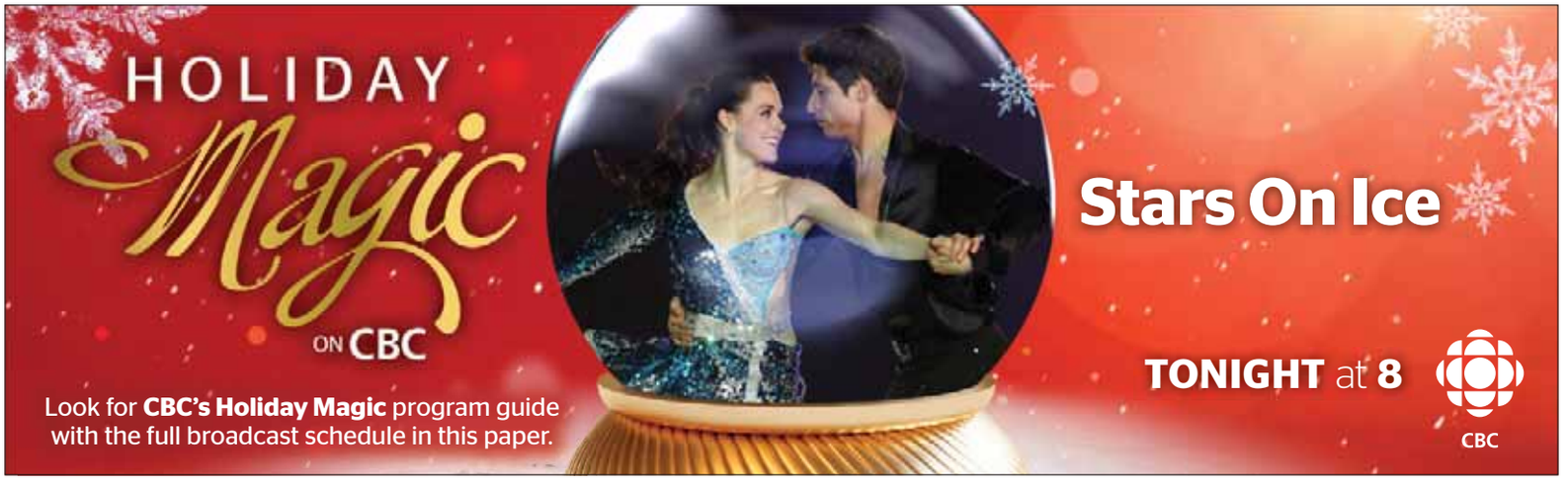

Roll up your sleeves and bake with your kids

Bonding. Having little ones help in the kitchen creates memories

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There are ways to survive, and enjoy, baking with the little ones. ISTOCK

You're covered in flour, the floor is a mess of coconut and chocolate chips, and your kids' fingers won't stay out of the mixing bowl.

It sounds like a disaster, right? Nope, it's a memory. It's a learning experience. It's a wonderful holiday tradition for you to create with your kids. It's a moment that's worth all of the cookie crumbs and vagrant coconut pieces.

Baking with your kids is really something they will remember forever. Take the plunge, pull out your apron and remember these five tips to help your survive baking with the kids.

Make a plan
Get ahead of the mess and set up the ingredients along with bowls, measuring cups and the mixer. The more organized you are up front, the better.

Reason for the insanity
Make something to give to the teacher or neighbour in a cookie exchange. By planning it that way, you're less likely to bail on the plan and more likely to help your child develop pride in his or her work and giving.

Choose a creative project that's easy to adapt
A project or recipe that is too complex will be frustrating for both you and the kids. Small hands and short attention spans will do better with projects that have only a few simple steps.

Document!
Take loads of pictures of the whole process for the memory books (or social networking sites). If the cookies burn, you'll be bummed about having no treats, but you'll still be able to reflect on how much fun it was.

Eggnog never hurts
Nothing wrong with mama chef enjoying a little spiked eggnog during the baking. It helps turn a blind eye to the egg shells in the batter and the fingers in the bowl. We're all real moms, right?

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The garnishes for this Tortilla, Sautéed Corn and Plum Tomato Soup make it a real Tex-Mex favourite as well as a beautiful-looking soup.

It's a great starter to a main course of fajitas, burritos or quesadillas.

I buy flavoured tortillas in bulk and freeze them.

To defrost, place the entire package in the microwave oven and heat on high for 30 seconds, or just until you can break away the number you need. Refreeze the remainder.

The different colours add interest to any meal.

This recipe serves six. LORELLA ZANETTI, FROM ROSE REISMAN'S COMPLETE LIGHT KITCHEN (WHITECAP BOOKS)

Ingredients

- 2 tsp vegetable oil
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 1/2 cup chopped green bell pepper
- 2 tsp minced fresh garlic
- 3/4 cup drained canned corn kernels
- 4 cups chicken or vegetable stock
- 3/4 cup rinsed and drained canned black beans
- 3 tbsp basmati rice
- 1 tsp hot chili paste
- 1 cup diced plum tomatoes
- 2 1/2 tsp cornstarch
- 1/4 tsp salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1 cup thinly sliced flavored flour tortillas
- 1/3 cup chopped cilantro or parsley
- 1/4 cup low-fat sour cream

1. Spray a non-stick saucepan with cooking oil, add the vegetable oil and place over medium heat. Cook the onion, green pepper and garlic, stirring occasionally for 5 minutes or until the onions are golden. Stir in the corn and cook for 5 minutes, or until the corn begins to brown.

2. Stir in the stock, black beans, rice and chili paste. Bring to a boil, reduce the heat to a simmer and cook for 12 minutes.

3. Add the tomatoes, cornstarch (dissolved in 1 tbsp of water) and salt and pepper. Simmer for 2 minutes until slightly thickened.

4. Ladle the soup into individual bowls and garnish each serving with tortilla strips, fresh herbs and sour cream.

ROSE REISMAN'S COMPLETE LIGHT KITCHEN (WHITECAP BOOKS) BY ROSE REISMAN

Roasted Cauliflower & Red Pepper Soup

Ingredients

- 1.25 l (5 cups) cauliflower florets
- 20 ml (4 tsp) canola oil
- 250 ml (1 cup) chopped onion
- 250 ml (1 cup) chopped carrots
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 l (4 cups) reduced-sodium chicken broth
- 2 roasted red peppers, chopped
- 2 sprigs fresh thyme
- Freshly ground black pepper

1. Line baking sheet with foil. Place cauliflower on sheet and drizzle with 10 ml (2 tsp) of oil. Roast, turning once for 25 mins, or until golden, in 220 C-oven.

2. In pot, heat remaining oil over medium heat. Sauté onion and carrots 4 mins. Add garlic and sauté 30 seconds. Stir in cauliflower, broth, peppers and thyme; bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer 10 mins. Discard thyme. Season with pepper. **THE CANADIAN PRESS/ COOK! DIETITIANS OF CANADA (2011)**

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Name: Cody Battershill
City: Calgary
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Occupation: Real estate agent and community activist

THE IN-CREDIBILITY FACTOR
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Cody Battershill had plans to become a lawyer, but when his mother suggested he get into real estate he switched gears and became an immediate success.

Two years into his career, he was honoured with the MLS Millionaire Dollar Club Award and was in the top one per cent of sellers in his company. Focused and very successful in his career, Cody is also intensely committed to his city and volunteers with more than seven child and youth organizations in Calgary.

I knew I was on my way when... I was 20 years old and I sold my first house. I felt like I had gotten to the first yard marker of my success in my new career, but it's been eight years and I've never looked back.

A lot of people talk about balance. For me, that's having a family, being a pillar of the community and helping those less fortunate. One of the best things is the friendships you make. Everywhere I go I see people that have become my friends because I helped them accomplish their real estate goals. The No. 1 most important thing for me is to put my clients and their concerns first. Don't focus on the money, focus on the client.

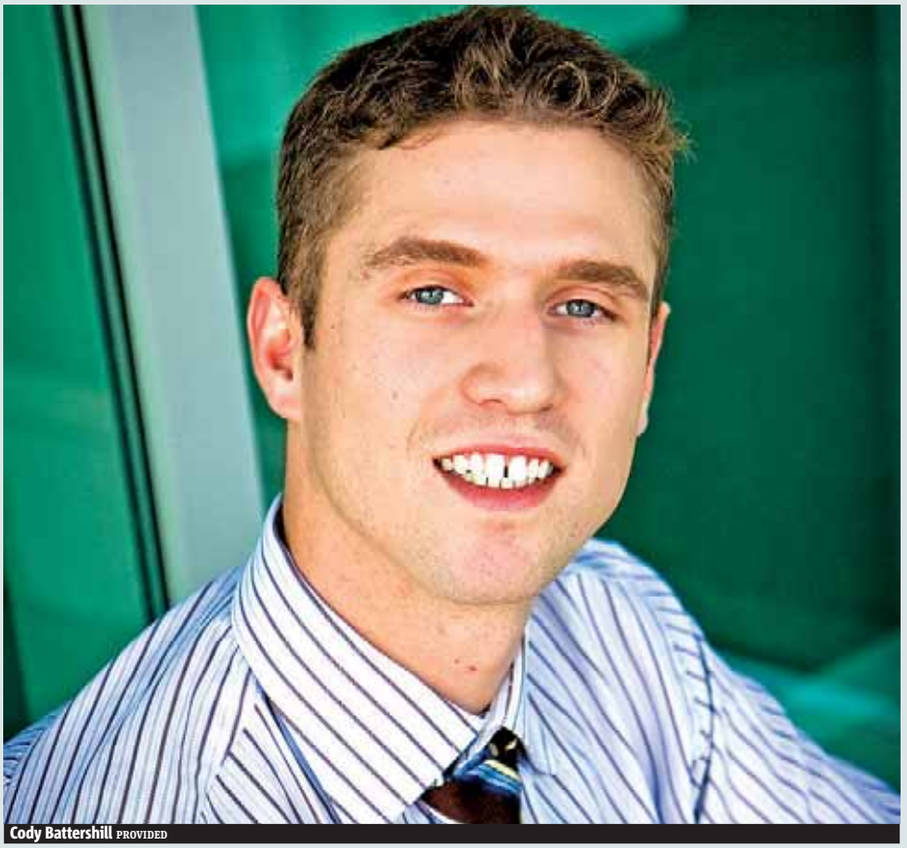
Action Plan

• Never stop reading, learning and growing
• Embrace technology. I read 25 magazines and two books a month on the Internet.
• I have over 20,000 friends on Facebook and I had 25,000 visitors to my website because I love what I do.
• Do things for the right reason and the business will follow.

• Surround yourself with the right people
Look for successful people who can mentor and guide you. Ask them as much as you can for advice, career direction and planning.

• Stay focused on your goals
Don't let anyone discourage you. Your life is what you make it so set goals for this month, this year and then five years down the road.

Short term setbacks always lead to longer term success with the right attitude.



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Chiefs eke out a victory amidst grief

NFL. Quinn, Charles lead charge a day after alleged murder-suicide rocks Kansas City club

Against the backdrop of an unthinkable tragedy, the Kansas City Chiefs gave themselves a reason to be proud Sunday — and perhaps the impetus to let the healing begin.

Brady Quinn threw for 201 yards and two touchdowns and Jamaal Charles ran for 127 yards in the Chiefs' 27-21 victory over the Carolina Panthers. The win snapped an eight-game losing streak during one of the most difficult seasons the franchise has ever experienced.

The game was played one day after Chiefs linebacker Jovan Belcher allegedly shot his girlfriend multiple times at a residence near Arrowhead Stadium, then drove to the team's practice facility and turned the gun on himself as general manager Scott Pioli and coach Romeo Crennel looked on.

Pioli walked through the press box before the game and said he was doing "OK," though he didn't stop to talk. Crennel was on the sideline coaching his team to an uplifting victory.

"As far as playing the game, I thought that was the best for us to do, because that's what we do," Crennel said, tears forming in the corner of his eyes. "We're football players and football coaches and that's what we do, we play on Sunday."

Cam Newton threw for 232 yards and three touchdowns for the Panthers (3-9), who were informed the game would be played as scheduled while they were heading to Kansas City on Saturday.

DeAngelo Williams added 67 yards rushing for the Panthers, carrying the load with Jonathan Stewart out with an injury. Steve Smith, Greg Olsen and Louis Murphy caught TD passes.

"You definitely feel for them. What they are going through is tragic," Olsen said. "But we have a job to do. Our job is to come here and prepare to win. They wouldn't expect any less."

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Kansas City Chiefs players kneel and pray before a game against the Carolina Panthers on Sunday in Kansas City, Mo.
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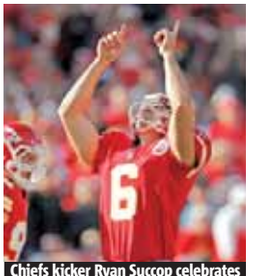

Chiefs kicker Ryan Succop celebrates a point after touchdown on Sunday.
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Chiefs coach Romeo Crennel wipes his eyes before Sunday's game.
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Crime scene

People were coming and going Sunday from a house where a day before Chiefs linebacker Jovan Belcher allegedly shot and killed his girlfriend.

- Police did not release additional information Sunday.
- Kasandra M. Perkins, 22, was shot multiple times Saturday morning. Belcher drove to Arrowhead Stadium to thank GM Scott Pioli and coach Romeo Crennel for all they'd done for him before he fatally shot himself in the practice facility's parking lot.

NHL

Head honchos to sit out next round of negotiations

The NHL's collective bargaining talks will resume without the key negotiators in the room.

A handful of owners and players will meet Tuesday afternoon in New York.

Commissioner Gary Bettman proposed the meeting last week and the NHLPA accepted it on Sunday.

Both he and NHLPA executive director Donald Fehr won't be present for the session. The NHL lockout is into its 12th week.

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Curling

Lawton, Stoughton win titles in Moose Jaw

Jeff Stoughton of Winnipeg defeated world champion Glenn Howard 4-3 on Sunday in the men's final of the Capital One Canada's Cup of curling, while Stephanie Lawton won the women's title.

Stoughton and Lawton each scored in the 10th end to secure a spot in the 2013 Roar of the Rings.

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Saskatoon's Stefanie Lawton
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Nesbitt twice golden at World Cup competition

Speedskating.
London, Ont., product follows up individual success with a victory in team pursuit

Canada's Christine Nesbitt added to her gold-medal collection Sunday, winning the 1,500 metres at a long-track speedskating World Cup.

The London, Ont., native then teamed up with Ivanie Blondin of Ottawa and Brittany Schussler of Winnipeg to win the team pursuit.

Nesbitt, who has two gold and a bronze in the 1,500 metres this season, raced to a time of one minute 57.18 seconds. Dutch teammates Marrit Leenstra and Linda de Vries took silver (1:57.29) and bronze (1:57.30).

"It was an OK race. I had a good opener and first lap, so the first 700 metres was decent," Nesbitt said. "In the last two laps I was struggling to keep smooth. My last lap was painful but it was just enough to hold off a win.

Long-track speedskater Christine Nesbitt won World Cup gold in the 1,500 metres in Astana, Kazakhstan, Sunday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"It's a nice way to finish the 1,500 World Cups this fall. I'm definitely looking forward to coming back this winter and finishing stronger."

In the women's team pursuit, Canada's threesome improved on their bronze-medal finish from their World Cup opener in the Netherlands. They crossed in 2:58.40, 2.15 seconds faster than South Korea. The Netherlands won bronze in 3:00.71.

"It was definitely a tough mental race to get through but knowing that I had Brittany and Christine there by my side made it all that much easier," Blondin said. "This is our third year all training together, which is why we are able to work so well as a team. We know each other's strengths and weaknesses. It makes it all that much easier to work together, be strong and be able to skate like we did today." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Downhill skiing

Vonn scores Lake Louise hat trick

Lindsey Vonn is in a class by herself in women's World Cup skiing at Lake Louise.

After winning both downhills, Vonn capped a sweep with a victory in Sunday's super-G.

The American ski star scored a hat trick at the Alberta resort for the second straight year after winning all three races in 2011.

Is that enough to prompt the world governing body of skiing to re-consider Vonn's request to race the men's World Cup there?

"I think this weekend was the next step for me and a testament to why I want to race with the men," Vonn said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Your vehicle has been hit by an unidentified third party (hit & run). This depends, if you're able to identify the person who hit your car, the loss would likely be covered under the Direct Compensation portion of your insurance policy and you would not pay a deductible. If you're unable to identify the person and you do not have Collision coverage, you may not be covered for this type of loss and you would have to pay for all damages.

Your vehicle has been stolen or vandalized. The Comprehensive portion of your car insurance policy will likely cover the damages. You will, however, have to pay the full deductible. When in doubt, always be sure to ask your insurance professional.

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Knicks cool off the Suns at MSG

New York Knicks forward, Carmelo Anthony, rises to the basket against Phoenix Suns shooting guard, P.J. Tucker. BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES FILE

Home advantage. The Knicks beat the Suns 106-99 to remain unbeaten on home court this season

Rasheed Wallace delivered a hard whack to Luis Scola, then some hard words to the referees.

These New York Knicks won't let anybody have it easy at Madison Square Garden, not even the officials.

Carmelo Anthony scored 34 points and the Knicks ran their best home start in 20 years to 7-0, withstanding Wallace's ejection after a mere 1:25 of playing time to beat the Phoenix Suns 106-99 on Sunday.

Phoenix had won its last two at MSG but the Knicks have finally figured out under coach Mike Woodson that home-court games are not to be wasted. They are 18-1 in the regular season here since he took over last March, jumping on their last few opponents from the start.

"His whole thing when he came in is we're going to protect our home floor. We're going to win every game at home, or we're going to try to win every game at home, and we're going to go out on the road and compete," centre Tyson Chandler said. "So his whole thing is we've got to protect our house. Teams coming in got to feel like they've got to go somewhere else to get a win."

Raymond Felton had 23 points, seven assists and no turnovers for the Knicks, who last won seven straight at Madison Square Garden to open a season when they started 9-0 in 1992-93. The point guard was hurting after the game, saying he was going to get an MRI on his swollen left hand.

Chandler finished with 15 points and 13 rebounds as the Knicks improved to 12-4 overall, a half-game behind Miami for the best record in the Eastern Conference. They got off to a good start in December after winning 11 in November for the first time since a 12-victory November in 1972 on the way to their last NBA championship.

"I think they're a hell of basketball team. I really do," Phoenix coach Alvin Gentry said. "When you add Iman Shumpert and Amar'e Stoudemire back to the mix, shoot, they're as good as anybody."

The Knicks shook off the first ejection of Wallace's comeback that left them shorthanded. Jason Kidd missed a fourth straight game with lower back spasms but hopes to return during their three-game road trip that includes a game in Miami on Thursday.

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Hot at home

The Knicks are 18-1 at home since Mike Woodson took over as head coach in March.

- Last time the Knicks won seven straight home games to open a season was in 1992
- The Suns had won the last two game at Madison Square Garden before Sunday's the 106-99 loss.

AHL

Marlies edge out Monsters in 5-4 win

Jake Gardiner and Ryan Hamilton each scored twice as the Toronto Marlies defeated the Lake Erie Monsters 5-4 on Sunday for their third straight win in the American Hockey League.

Nazem Kadri scored Toronto's (12-8-1) second goal of the night and his third in two games while Mark Owuya made 25 saves.

David van der Gulik, Andrew Agozzino, Bill Thomas, and Mike Connolly scored for Lake Erie (11-9-2), while Calvin Pickard made 23 saves.

The win moved the Marlies ahead of the Monsters and into second place in the AHL Western Conference's North Division.

Toronto opened the scoring on the power play at 7:43 of the first, as Gardiner crept in from the blue-line and banged home Spencer Abbott's pass from close range.

After Kadri re-directed a Simon Gysbers shot to give Toronto a two-goal lead at 18:25 of the first, van der Gulik got one back for the Monsters with just seconds remaining as he scored on a short-handed breakaway to make it a one-goal game heading into the second.

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The Marlies improve their record to 12-8. GLEN GRAY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Buffalo Bills. Fitzpatrick shuts up critics with a win over the Jaguars

With his job security in question, Ryan Fitzpatrick came through with one his most complete performances of the season.

Fitzpatrick threw two touchdown passes and scored on a 1-yard run to lead the Bills to a 34-18 win over the Jacksonville Jaguars on Sunday. He led five consecutive scoring drives that produced 27 points — three touchdowns and two field goals. Fitzpatrick, who has faced criticism for his inconsistent play, finished 9 of 17 for 112 yards.

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Bills quarterback Ryan Fitzpatrick GARY WIEPERT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Becks leaves behind legacy

Los Angeles Galaxy's David Beckham, top centre, poses with his three sons, from left, Brooklyn, Romeo and Cruz. JAE C. HONG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hollywood ending.

Beckham bids farewell as the LA Galaxy win their fourth MLS Cup

David Beckham stood on the podium with his three sons, an oversized Union Jack knotted around his Los Angeles Galaxy jersey. With a practiced lift and a broad smile, he raised the sparkling silver cup over his head to a raucous ovation amid a confetti blizzard.

Now that's a Hollywood ending worthy of a star.

Beckham wrapped up his MLS career as a two-time champion Saturday, with Landon Donovan's tiebreaking goal on a penalty kick in the 65th minute propelling the Galaxy to a 3-1 victory over the Houston Dynamo in the MLS Cup.

For the second straight year, Beckham raised a trophy that stands as evidence of the 37-year-old English midfielder's indelible impact on American soccer during his six seasons in Los Angeles.

"It's been a successful six years here, and now that we've won the second one, it's even more satisfying," Beckham said. "I just hope people have enjoyed me playing here. It's what I always hope for when I step on the field."

With a stirring second-half surge capped by Robbie Keane's goal on another penalty kick in injury time, Los Angeles won its fourth MLS Cup, tying D.C. United for the league record.

The Galaxy also gave an appropriate farewell to Beckham, who will play elsewhere in the new year before eventually returning to MLS as a team owner. With rumours linking him everywhere from Sydney to Paris, he hasn't disclosed his immediate plans beyond a Christmas vacation back home in England.

Los Angeles will miss Beckham, but the glamorous global icon is going out at an apex for MLS' highest-profile franchise.

"I just hope I've brought a bit of interest to the game (in America)," Beckham said. "If that's the single thing I've done, then great. But I think the foundations are there now in this league. It's a 17-year-old league, and the foundations are great. It will continue to grow."

Beckham hugged Galaxy coach Bruce Arena, who won his fourth MLS title, and just about everybody on the Galaxy bench before the game ended moments later.

"Today was always going to be an emotional day for myself, win or lose," said Beckham, who also won trophies in his final seasons at Real Madrid and Manchester United. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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"It's been a successful six years here, and now that we've won the second one, it's even more satisfying."

David Beckham, Los Angeles Galaxy

Rugby World Cup

Canada will face odds in draw

Canada will get a better idea Monday of its possible road at the Rugby World Cup as the 2015 Pool Allocation Draw is held at the Tate Modern art gallery on the South Bank in London.

The draw allocates the top 12 teams in the world among the four tournament pools, which will be topped up by two countries per group via qualifying.

Canada can join the big boys this summer through a home-and-away series against the U.S. Eagles.

The winner qualifies as Americas 1, with the loser moving on to a home-and-away series with a South American team to determine who will be Americas 2 at the 20-team World Cup.

The loser of that playoff has a last-chance qualification route via a repechage. Canada, which went 1-2-0 in its November tour and dropped to No. 14 last week in the IRB rankings. The U.S. is No. 16. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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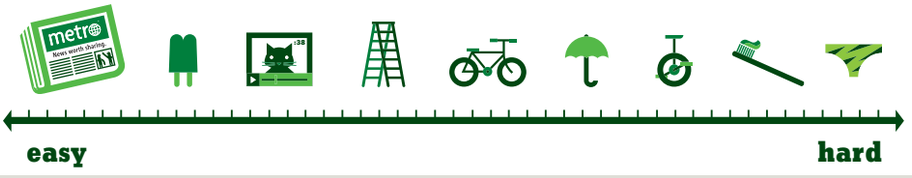

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Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
If you jump to conclusions today you will most likely get it completely wrong, so be careful. That applies both to personal affairs and to your career. Remember: a quick decision is not always the best decision.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
Think twice before deciding your next move, then think a third time to be on the safe side. With Jupiter strong in your chart you could make a lot of money – but you could just as easily lose it too.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
It could turn out to be costly if you act on the advice of a colleague. Trust your own judgment and make your own decisions, even if it means going against "expert" opinion which, as you know, is not always reliable.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
What is your weak spot? What area are you most vulnerable in? Make sure you know and make sure you are well protected because your rivals will seek to exploit it over the next 24 hours. Be on your guard.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
For some strange reason the words you are using don't sound the way you want them to sound. In which case your best bet is probably to say nothing at all, at least for the next 24 to 48 hours.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
With the Sun opposing Jupiter across important angles of your chart you will need to make a conscious effort not to go over the top. Whatever it is that is winding you up right now let it go.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Common sense should tell you that you don't have the time to do everything yourself, so get help from people who share your aims and ideals. They may never do as good a job as you, but what choice do you have?

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 2 04 - Nov. 22
Stop thinking so hard and focus on tasks that are physical rather than intellectual. Not only will your mind get the rest it needs but the answer to an old problem will pop into your head when you least expect it.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
With Jupiter, your ruler, opposed by the Sun today you may fear the worst about a partnership issue, but there really is no need. Everything will work out for the best in the end. Somehow it always does.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Partners and colleagues are far too busy sorting out their own problems at the moment to worry much about yours. Which is annoying in one way but good in another. They are less likely to watch what you're up to!

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Take what you hear from a friend with a large pinch of salt, because the planets warn they are exaggerating. If they tell you one thing and your sixth sense tells you the opposite you must trust your own inner voice.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
It might be best not to make any sudden or far-reaching decisions, but if you have to make a choice of some kind make sure you consult family and friends.

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Crossword

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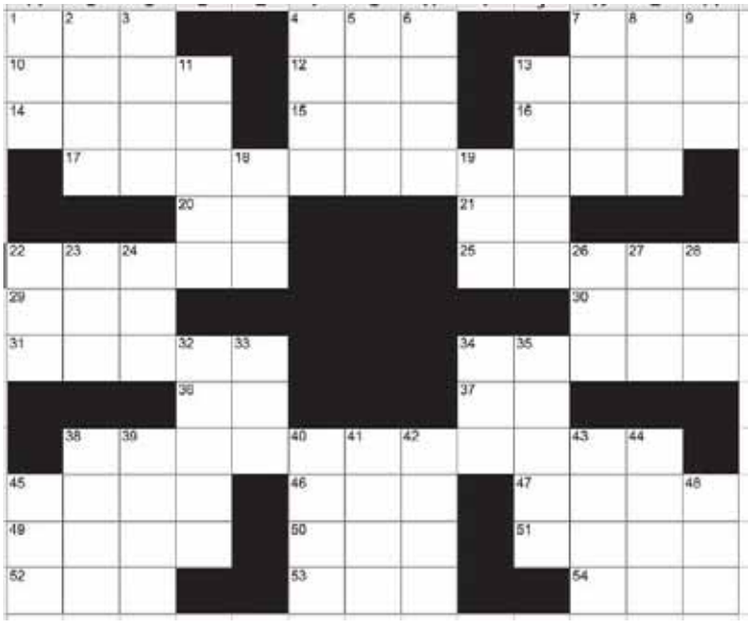
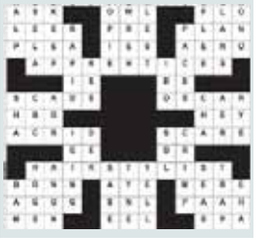


Across
1. Mistake
4. Prone
7. French soul
10. Form of transport
12. Flowery meadow
13. Study hard for a test
14. "He's Just Not That — You"
15. Hockey great
16. Flying (prefix)
17. Home of Parry Sound (2 words)
20. British thanks
21. Two, in Rome
22. Flooded
25. Fury
29. One of the judges on Dancing with the Stars
30. The night before
31. Wards off
34. Absolutely perfect
36. Apiece (abbr.)
37. Regarding (abbr.)
38. Depict
45. Continental currency
46. Airport listing (abbr.)
47. The — Ranger
49. 'A' – – Apple (2 words)
50. Dismal
51. Gradual
52. Abbr. found on a map
53. – la la
54. Wind direction (abbr.)

Down
1. Silkworm
2. Pealed
3. Ceremonial act
4. Like a bump on – – (2 words)
5. Gilpin of Frasier
6. "Gone with the Wind" plantation
7. Land measure
8. Name repeated in a nursery rhyme
9. Funnyman Philips
11. Hauls
13. Log home
18. School cheer
19. Actress Peeples
22. TV alien
23. Tiny
24. Raggedy doll
26. Golly!
27. Longoria of Desperate Housewives
28. Family mem.
32. Evil one
33. — Paulo, Brazil
34. Bargain basement abbr.
35. Buys and sells
38. Sneeze inducer
39. A great lake
40. Retreat
41. Nova
42. Cry of accomplishment
43. Allure
44. Dukes of Hazzard spin-off
45. Corn serving
48. Female sheep

Friday's Crossword



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Friday's Sudoku

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2	7	6	9	8	5	4	1	3
8	4	9	6	1	3	2	5	7
9	8	4	5	3	7	1	2	6
7	1	5	2	6	8	9	3	4
6	3	2	1	4	9	8	7	5
5	9	1	4	7	2	3	6	8
3	2	7	8	9	6	5	4	1
4	6	8	3	5	1	7	9	2

Sudoku

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	4	7				8	2	
			8	5	2			
		6	3	2	1	7		
2	9						8	1
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